

Year in Review: Investing in Infrastructure

By City of New Orleans

A Message from Mayor LaToya Cantrell

"Six years ago, and less than ten days on the job, I was rescued from my home in a high-water vehicle because five and a half inches of rain had fallen in two and a half hours. I tell this story and reflect on our 'fair share' movement often as these were defining moments for my tenure as mayor, rooted in addressing crises.

"The City of New Orleans remains on the front lines of climate change, and we are leading the way in addressing this continuously increasing challenge. We are investing in restoring our damaged streets, upgrading our drainage, sewer and stormwater management systems, and implementing our \$150 million FEMA-funded Hazard Mitigation Program. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has partnered with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) to complete the \$2 billion FEMA-funded Joint Infrastructure Recovery Response Program. So far, we've invested \$750 million and currently

have forty-nine roadwork projects under construction valued at \$692 million, which has prompted a deadline extension by FEMA from 2024 to 2026.

"While the city has proactively been working to alleviate flooding, we must also learn to live with water. We continue to prioritize innovative projects like the \$31 million Mirabeau Water Garden and \$5.3 million Oak Park mitigation work to improve subsurface drainage systems and repurpose streets and walkways. These efforts will help reduce flooding for hundreds of households. The SWBNO Power Complex is another long-term solution that is actively under construction and will provide the power needed to increase pumping capacity during extreme weather events.

"The city also prioritized improving recreational facilities, parks and playgrounds, and public buildings, which are critical for our people. Bringing community centers, swimming pools, and stadiums back online is an investment in our family spaces and will enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods across the city.

"We understand this work is disruptive and challenging for residents, but it is necessary. The



combination of stormwater infrastructure, street and drainage upgrades, and recreational amenities will help us thrive as a city. The City of New Orleans remains laser focused on addressing these challenges and our investments will yield results.

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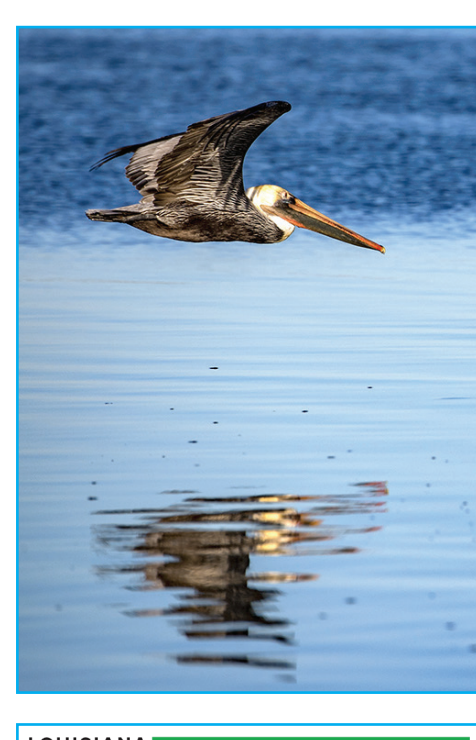
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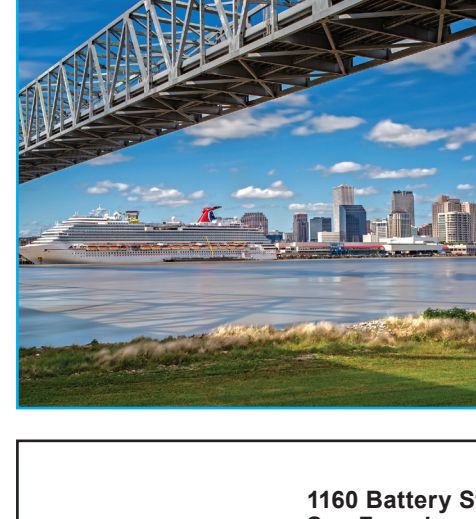
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Fee: Free; registration required
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Contact: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-wosb-webinar-tickets-482397041537>
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